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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION STATE INFO VIENTIANE FROM ISLAMABAD
DATED JAN 29 REPEATED.

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SNAR, PK

SUBJ: AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH SURVEY OF POPPY

FIELD IN PAKISTAN

REF: ISLAMABAD 808 PARA 5

SUMMARY: PNCB WORKING OUT ARRANGEMENTS WITH PAF FOR
AERIAL SURVEY POPPY AREA. NEED BASIC INFO DETERMINE
OF PAF HAS CAPABILITY AND IF PNCB CAN FINANCE, ACTION
REQUESTED: PROVIDE INFO ASAP. END SUMMARY.

1. IN MEETING JANUARY 27 WITH CHAIRMAN ORAKZAI OF
PNCB, WING COMMANDER SAID OF PAF PESHAWAR AND
OTHER GOP OFFICIALS, DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD REGARDING
AERIAL SURVEY OF POPPY GROWING AREAS IN NWFP AND
SELECTED TRIBAL TERRITORIES. ORAKZAI INFORMED MISSION
OFFICIALS AND AID PAK DESK OFFICER MCCLOSKEY THAT
PERMISSION FOR AERIAL SURVEY HAD BEEN OBTAINED FROM
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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. WING COMMANDER SAID SAID THAT THE

PAF WAS WILLING TO DO THE PHOTOGRAPHY BUT EXPECTED PNCB TO REIMBURSE PAF AT RS. 6,700 PER FLYING HOUR, INCLUDING FX COMPONENT EQUAL TO 80 PERCENT TOTAL COST FOR FLIGHT TIME. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE PROCESSING OF FILMS WHICH ESTIMATED AT RS. 150 FOR B AND W PER SQUARE MILE (2,500 SQ. MILES). HE ALSO STATED COMPLETE FACILITIES EXISTED IN PAKISTAN FOR PROCESSING BLACK AND WHITE FILM BUT PROCESSING EQUIPMENT FOR COLOR FILM AND EXPERTISE FOR PROCESSING WERE UNAVAILABLE. THEREFORE, IF COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY IS NECESSARY, FILM MATERIALS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROCESSING AND INTERPRETATION OF PHOTOS WOULD BE NEEDED.

2. IN VIEW EXPERIENCE IN OTHER MISSIONS REGARDING POPPY SURVEYS BY AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, MOST NOTABLY LAOS, REQUEST FOLLOWING INFO IN ORDER TO ASSIST PNCB DETERMINE PRICE TAG FOR SURVEY:

A) WHAT IS MOST USEFUL TYPE PHOTOGRAPHY BLACK AND WHITE OR COLOR? OBVIOUSLY IF B AND W IS SUFFICIENT THIS WOULD BE PREFERABLE, SINCE CHEAPER AND WOULD NOT INVOLVE BRINGING IN PROCESSING EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL.

?) WHAT ALTITUDE, OR WHAT SCALE MAPPING, GIVES OPTIMUM CLARITY FOR POPPY IDENTIFICATION? COST OF FLYING TIME IS CRITICAL FACTOR HERE.

:) IF COLOR IS ESSENTIAL, DOES AID/W KNOW OF ANY CONTRACTOR, GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE, WHO COULD BE EMPLOYED ON SHORT TERM NOTICE TO BE OPERATIONALLY SET UP TO PROCESS FILM IN PAKISTAN BEGINNING MARCH 15 ENDING LATTER PART OF APRIL? ALSO ADVISE ESTIMATE OF COSTS. (NOTE: NO AERIAL PHOTOS WILL BE ALLOWED OUT OF PAKISTAN.)

FYI: AIRCRAFT TO BE USED, RT 33, TYPE OF COMERA K-17 B AND C, FILM 9-1/2 INCHES WIDE. END FYI.

3. TIME ELEMENT IS CRUCIAL FOR IMPLEMENTATION THIS PROJECT. REALIZE SHORT NOTICE MAY CAUSE SOME PROBLEMS, HOWEVER MISSION FEELS THAT DESIRE TO OBTAIN AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY OF POPPY AREAS IS SIGNIFICANT CHANGE OF ATTITUDE IN GOP AND WE WISH TO RESPOND RAPIDLY TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THEIR REQUEST FOR ABOVE INFORMATION.

4. REQUEST PRIORITY RESPONSE.

5. FOR DAKEN/VIENTIANE - ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE RE:USAID/LAOS PROGRAM WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

6. MCCLOSKEY HAS FULL DETAILS PROBLEM AND WILL DISCUSS UPON

ARRIVAL. REQUEST INFO WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME.
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